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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDS

SUBJECT : Commission on Government Security

There is attached herewith a copy of S. J. Res. 21, as reported in the Senate, establishing a Commission on Government Security. The President would appoint four members, two from the Executive Branch and two from private life; the Vice President and the Speaker would also each appoint four members one-half of whom would come from private life. The Commission's function would be to study the entire Government security program. An explanation of this resolution is contained in Senate Report No. 581, a copy of which is attached. The Director of Security advised me in March 1955, that it was important from their standpoint that the provisions of Section 8 be retained as a basis for exempting CIA where security considerations require it. You will note from the attached Resolution, which has now passed the Senate, that the provisions of Section 8 have been retained and in fact have been somewhat strengthened so that it would appear that CIA is adequately protected.

H. J. Res. 157, which is virtually identical with S. J. Res. 21, has now passed the House and this also contains a section identical with the original version of S. J. Res. 21, which is, therefore, satisfactory to the security requirements of CIA. The two bills will now go to conference and the minor differences between them will be ironed out. A copy of House Report No. 911 on H. J. Res. 157 is attached.

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